ght, octroi, insurance and sales tax on the imported oil for production of vanaspati as per the recommendation of the Parmeshwaram Committee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only in Gujarat purchase tax is collected by the concerned authorities in lieu of or as a substitute of sales tax from vanaspati industries of Gujarat;

(c) whether it is also a fact that when Parmeshwaram Committee made its recommendations, sales tax was operating in Gujarat and thereafter it was substituted by purchase tax; and

(d) whether the vanaspati industry has made any representation in this regard to the STC; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) State Trading Corporation is reimbursing freight, octroi and sales tax on supply of imported oil to vanaspati industry as per the recommendation of the Parmeshwaram Committee Report.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Vanaspati Manufacturers' Association has made a representation to State Trading Corporation and the matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Abolition oil contract labour system in FCI

1119. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed in principle to abolish the contract labour system in the Food Corporation of India; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The matter relating to the employment of contract labour in Food Corporation of India was discussed in the meeting of the Central Advisory Contract Labour Board held on the 13th March, 1986. The Board decided to constitute a Committee to go into the issue of abolition of contract labour system in Food Corporation of India. A Committee is being constituted accordingly.

1120. [*Transferred to the 8th May, 1986*].

Foreign exchange racket

1121. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:
SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation has unearthed a well organised racket involving sending of millions of dollars of foreign exchange to Pakistan as reported in the Hindustan Times of the 11th April, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the amount involved therein; and

(d) what remedial steps the Central Government are taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) On a complaint from the Enforcement Directorate (FERA) that huge amounts of foreign exchange in the form of Travellers cheques are being issued on Foreign Travel Schemes (F.T. Schemes) to a Delhi based Travel Agent Shri Parvez Alam Dost proprietor of M/s. Dost Travel by the officials of the United Bank of India, New Delhi on the basis of forged documents, the CBI has registered cases u/s. 120-B I.P.C. r/w 420, 467, 468 and 471

I.P.C. and 120-B I.P.C. r/w 489-B and 489-C I.P.C. against S/Shri Pravez Alam Dost, Nafees Ahmed and others. During the investigation by C.B.I., 22 persons were arrested.

Investigations by the C.B.I. are in progress. In the interest of the effective investigation, it is not advisable to disclose further details at this stage. Further action, as warranted by law, against the persons found involved and remedial measures, as may be found necessary, will be taken on completion of the investigations.

Import licences to Glaxo Laboratories

1122. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of import licences issued to Glaxo Laboratories for the import of capital goods and raw materials during the last three years, year-wise alongwith the details of raw materials and capital goods imported;

(b) whether such licences were issued on the recommendations of the sponsoring authority;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether the licences for import of capital goods were issued for the purpose of replacement or for new projects?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (d) Firm-wise data is not maintained. Therefore, the required information is not available. It may however, be stated that particulars of all import licences including the name of licences, category of import licence, description of goods allowed for import etc. are published in the "Weekly Bulletin of Import licences, Export licences and Industrial licences" copies of which are being made available to the Parliament Library.

(b) and (c) Import licences for Capital goods, raw materials, lab equipment are normally issued on the recommendations of the sponsoring authority except in the case of Replenishment licences. Details relating to recommendations made by sponsoring authority in case of issue of individual import licences is not maintained.

Import of bulk drugs under OGL

1123. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of drug companies have imported bulk drugs and drug intermediates under OGL which are not allowed as per the condition of their industrial licences;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is mandatory to obtain permission for such imports and importer has to give an undertaking to this effect and has to satisfy the authorities in this regard;

(c) if so, whether any instance of violation of this provision by any drug company has come to the notice of the ministry during the last three years; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Import statistics are not maintained firm-wise;

(b) No specific permission is required to be obtained for OGL imports. Importers however, have to give an undertaking to the customs that the imports are strictly in accordance with the conditions of the industrial licence/registrations.

(c) and (d) An allegation about import by a company in violation of the prescribed conditions is under investigation.